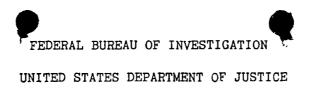
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GRAFF, MURPHY, AND	VISITED HONORABLE	JUDGE DONOVAN, WHO	HANDLED IN-
STANT TRIAL, AND ADVISED HI	M WISHED	TO MAKE A STATEMENT	, AND ACCORD-
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NOT ALLOW MURPHY OR GRAFF TO	BE PRESENT. JOHN	SON ADVISED HE CONF	IDENTIALLY
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IF THE "LETTER" WAS WRITTEN	IN 1950, IT WAS BU	RNED, BECAUSE HIS H	OUSE BURNED
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

Special Agent in Charge

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LETTER WAS WRITTEN AND CONSEQUENTLY FELT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN HIS OPINION
AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE. JOHNSON STATED JUDGE DONOVAN IS GOING TO GIVE
BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT IN ABOUT
A WEEK. JOHNSON FURTHER REMARKED THAT JUDGE DONOVAN HAS INDICATED THAT IF
THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN 1950, THAT PROBABLY IT WOULD LET HERMAN PASTER OUT.
ACCORDING TO JOHNSON, JUDGE DONOVAN ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY GRAFF
AND MURPHY THAT HAD BEEN CALLING HERMAN PASTER, AS MENTIONED IN OUR
TELETYPE TO OMAHA THIS DATE, AUSA RICHARD JOHNSON, ST. PAUL, WANTS ON HIS
DESK BY MORNING JANUARY 27, 1953, A COPY OF SA REPORT CONTAINING
DETAILED INTERVIEWS WITH JOHNSON ESPECIALLY
DESIRES TO KNOW WHETHER HERMAN PASTER OR ASSOCIATES FIRST CONTACTED
SINCE JURY VERDICT OR IF CONTACTED THEM. JOHNSON ALSO RECOMMENDS
IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW WITH, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF TELEPHONE CALL RE_
CEIVED ON JANUARY 2, 1953. JOHNSON ALSO REQUESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO b6
IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY, FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE
REGARDING THIS RECENT INCIDENT OF SEEING JUDGE DONOVAN. HE ALSO
WANTS FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE RECORDS CHECKED REGARDING
HOUSE BURNING IN 1950 TO OBTAIN PERTINENT DATA FROM SUCH RECORDS
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testimony at the trial of the case in connection with the approximate date of receipt of a letter mentioned in the Conspiracy Count of the indictment of the Defendants under Overt Act 1, cited in support of the Conspiracy indictment.

Mr. JOHNSON stated that it was highly desirable that both be extensively interrogated immediately
concerning any contacts which either of them might have had with any of the defendants in this case, their attorneys, or anyone purporting to represent them in any connection, and that the reason for having made the trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, without having previously contacted either the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Attorney's Office at St. Paul, Minnesota, be ascertained.
On the early afternoon of January 14, 1953,
was interviewed at the Security Office of the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, at which establishment she is employed in the Procurement Office.
The following investigation was conducted at Rock Island, Illinois by SA and the Reporting Agent.
On this occasion was asked what, if any, contact had been made by Defendants, their attorneys or anyone purporting to represent or be in any way connected with them, since the trial, insofar as either she or were concerned.
stated that she herself had not had any contact with any such person but that had been contacted and concerning such contact she furnished the following information.
Early on the forenoon of January 10, 1953, she and
were having breakfast at their home in LeClaire, Iowa, when the telephone rang. She did not hear any of the telephone conversation from the other end of the line but was present and heard statements made during this telephone call.
She learned immediately that it was HERMAN PASTER calling from Chicago, Illinois, and following the

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telephone conversation, gave her what he stated was a full explanation of what had transpired during the conversation.	
As a result of this conversation, was advised that PASTER had called to tell that he and one of his attorneys were in Chicago, Illinois, and would like to come to the Moline, Illinois, airport via a plane of the United Air Lines which was then momentarily to depart from Chicago, this for the purpose of having a conversation with	
PASTER was reported to have stated that he would greatly appreciate it as a personal favor if would go to the Moline Airport at the time the plane was scheduled to arrive there and have a conference with him and his lawyer.	
also told her that the plane was expected to arrive in Moline, Illinois about an hour or so later and that he could not see that it would do any harm for him to go to the airport as requested by PASTER. She said that to the best of her knowledge, had not been contacted by HERMAN PASTER, any of the other Defendants, their attorneys, or other representatives, since the conclusion of the trail in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota during November, 1952, prior to this long distance call.	Ъ6 Ъ7С
Immediately following the call she and	
continued that around an hour thereafter, called the United Air Lines Office at the Moline Municipal Airport, Moline, Illinois, and ascertained that the plane upon which PASTER was scheduled to arrive had been some- what delayed. A short while after making this call to the Moline Airport, left their residence in his auto- mobile stating that he was going to the Moline Airport to meet with PASTER and his lawyer as requested by PASTER.	-
says that she told him as he departed from the house that he should be very circumspect in dealing with PASTER as she considers PASTER completely unscrupulous and that he had	

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advised her that such was his full intention. stated that shortly after from the house, she herself left and did not return home until about 6:00 p.m. that same day. As she entered the house, she observed that was engaged in a telephone conversation, and apparently about to conclude same. It was obvious to her that he was talking to lawyer, of Davenport, Iowa. said that immediately after concluding the conversation on the telephone with a conversation with her during the course of which he furnished the following information. When PASTER and his lawyer, whose name does not recall, arrived at the Moline, Illinois Airport that morning via the United Airline plane from Chicago, Illinois, ___ proceeded to have a con-PASTER, the lawyer, and versation which lasted around an hour. PASTER was doing most of the talking. PASTER stated that since he was convicted in this case and sentenced, that his wife and children had been greatly embarrassed on many occasions b6 by their friends referring to him as a "jail bord" and b7C being otherwise ridiculed. PASTER said that when he was found guilty after the trial, he expected to be sentenced to pay a large fine, but that the fact that he had been sentenced to actually serve time had come as a great shock to him. PASTER then continued by stating that anything that _____ could do for him in the way of interceding with the court to get some leniency on his behalf would be greatly appreciated. said that according to _____ had advised PASTER and PASTER's lawyer that he certainly did not intend to change any of his testimony and that the testimony which he had furnished during the trial was true to the best of his knowledge, except that since the trial he has been wondering whether he received the letter above mentioned by Mr. JOHNSON during the latter part of 1950 or during the year 1951, rather than during February, 1951, as he testified during the trial. Further, according to told her that

evening that when he made this statement, both PASTER and

his lawyer said that they would greatly appreciate it if would go to St. Paul, Minnesota and make this statement to the other lawyers representing PASTER. told her that he advised them that he did not see what good this would do and in any event he would not make any move without the expressed approval of his lawyer, said that told her that he attempted to contact telephonically from the Moline, Illinois Airport while PASTER and his lawyer were still there, but that was in a conference and he was unable to get a telephone call through to him.	
PASTER and his lawyer had flown back to Chicago, Illinois early on the afternoon of January 10, 1953, after having received assurance that he would communicate with on the matter and, after receiving opinion, would contact PASTER telephonically at PASTER's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, the next day, Sunday, January 11, 1953.	b6 b7C
During the same conversation, said that told her that the telephone call upon which he had been talking when she arrived home, as above mentioned, was returning call. told her that he had outlined the situation to and that had advised him against going to St. Paul or having any further connection with the entire matter. She felt satisfied that as of the time of her conversation with on the evening of January 10, 1953, that had no intention whatsoever of going to St. Paul.	,
continued that on the Sunday afternoon, January 11, 1953, placed a long distance telephone call, collect, to HERMAN PASTER at PASTER's residence, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the callwas put through immediately by the operator.	,
She stated that she and, the latter being a woman who lives in LeClaire, Iowa, and takes care of the baby, were present in the living room at the time put the call through to PASTER had, immediately prior to placing the call, turned down the television set, and as PASTER takes with a loud voice, she was able to overhear not only all of conversation, but part of HERMAN PASTER's conversation as well.	

said that after being connected with PASTER on that occasion, made an opening statement somewhat to the effect that he had talked the matter over with his lawyer and that his lawyer had advised him not to go to St. Paul, Minnesota, as requested by PASTER, and to have no further connection with the case. then told PASTER that he had no intention of altering his testimony as rendered at the time of trial and that the same was true as far as he recalled it.
stated that from fragmentary parts of PASTER's end of the conversation, she heard him urging to come to St. Paul, Minnesota, early the following week, and PASTER proceeded to ask where he would be working during the week commencing January 12, 1953.
In response to this,
said that the above long distance conversation concluded with a statement on the part of that as he was going to be very busy during the week, he did not believe thathe could see his way clear to go to St. Paul, Minnesota. She said that statements seemed very positive to her that he did not contemplate going to St. Paul, Minnesota, and when she was advised that had, in fact, been known to have been in St. Paul in the company of PASTER on the morning of January 14, 1953, she seemed genuinely surprised and expressed considerable regret that he had apparently changed his mind and yielded to the pressure of PASTER after having conclusively decided not to make the trip.
then stated that she and have been experiencing a slight amount of discord in their marriage the last few weeks and she attributes this to concern over his having testified against PASTER and the other

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defendants in this case as he did during the trial.

She said that during the last two or three weeks he has been less communicative to her than previously but that she believes this may stem from a touch of remorse on his part following his learning that PASTER and the other defendants had been convicted inasmuch as he felt that they might be sentenced to serve some time in a penitentiary and that he is more-or-less prone to consider that he is to blame for the stigma which this will place upon their children and families.

said that she is also somewhat of the opinion may fear retaliation upon himself or members of his family, either from the defendants or friends and sympathizers of theirs because of his having acted as the government's principal witness in the trial.

She said that she has attempted to convince him that he only acted in the interests of good citizenship in having testified as a government witness in the case, but in her estimation, he is prone to overlook this fact and lean very heavily toward a feeling of regret about the entire matter.

said that from her knowledge of the entire case, she feels that ______ testified truthfully throughout the trial and has not heard him express any sentiment which would indicate anything to the contrary.

said that ________, at least by inference, indicated that the receipt of the above telephone call from PASTER on the morning of January 10, 1953, was the only contact that he had had with any of the defendants or any one representing them at any time since the trial. She also stated that to the best of her knowledge, _______ has not made any attempt to collect the civil claim for commissions which he asserts he has against the Paster Interests, and that to the best of her knowledge, no threats of retaliation have been received by _______ from anyone in connection with the whole matter.

then continued to express, at considerable length, her regret that had seen fit to go to St. Paul, Minnesota, as requested by PASTER, and shows that she does not approve of this because she feels that PASTER is completely unscrupulous and will pass no opportunity to

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attempt to use to his advantage, which as she sees it, will only result in further publicity involving her and and which she does not believe could operate in any other way than to their detriment.
advised that she expected to return hom sometime on the afternoon of January 16, 1953, and if she heard from him during the interim, she would immediately get in touch with the Reporting Agent.
stated that the foregoing consists of her complete knowledge of the entire matter.
On the evening of January 14, 1953, contacted the reporting Agent at his residence to advise that she had just received a long distance telephone call from from Decorah, Iowa, and that he had indicated that he was staying at the Winnesheik Hotel there. She mentioned to him that she had heard that he had changed his mind and gone to St. Paul, Minnesota, to meet PASTER there, and said that upon this mere mention of the fact, became very angry and refused to discuss his reason for going to St. Paul or what had transpired there.
The following investigation was conducted by SA and the Reporting Agent on the afternoon of January 14, 1953.
LeClaire, Iowa, was
interviewed at the home of She advised that she had been present in the residence on the afternoon of January 11, 1953, and was aware of the fact that had placed a collect long distance telephone call to HERMAN PASTER at PASTER's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, during that afternoon. She advised that she is friendly with both but makes it a point to do everything possible to avoid the appearance of her attempting to eavesdrop or pry into their personal affairs and, for this reason, she had intentionally busied herself during his call with other matters. She stated that as <u>a result</u> she did not hear very much of what was
said by on that occasion but that she has a definite

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recollection that PASTER was apparently attempting to induce to go to St. Paul, Minnesota, and that was making excuses and finally wound up by stating that he did not see his way clear to make that trip. She also recalled that at the conclusion of the conversation, however, indicated that he would either be at Waterloo or some small town in Northeastern Iowa on the following evening, and it sounded to her as though the way was left open for PASTER to call at one of these places with further reference to going to St. Paul, Minnesota, although it did not sound to her, from overhearing end of the conversation that it would be possible for PASTER to induce to make the trip.
said that the above comprises her entire knowledge of the matter.
In the afternoon of January 16, 1953, SA and the writer interviewed at his residence at LeClaire, Iowa.
On that occasion, was advised that it was desired that he furnish full information concerning his trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, and appearance there on January 14, 1953, including all contacts with the defendants or anyone representing them, leading up to that point.
then proceeded to state that during the trial of the deferants in this at St. Paul, Minnesota, in November of 1952, that he had conscientiously told the truth to the best of his ability. He said, however, upon considerable reflection on all of his testimony following the trial, that he had become more and more uncertain inhis mind as to whether he received the letter above mentioned during February, 1951, as he mentioned in his testimony, or whether it could have been at sometime previous, perhaps as far back as the latter portion of 1950. He said that this was the only point of his entire testimony that gave him any concern, but the more he thought about it, the more he felt that the possibility existed that he could have received this letter during the latter part of 1950.
said that as he travels alone in his work, he has had considerable time in which to reflect upon the entire proceedings and that the more he has thought about it, the

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more he feels that either one of the defendants or someone acting for them might attempt some retaliatory act of violence, either against him or one of his family, because of his having acted as the government's principal witness against these defendants.

continued that on several times he has become exceedingly nervous thinking about this and has imagined on numerous occasions that an automobile was following him.

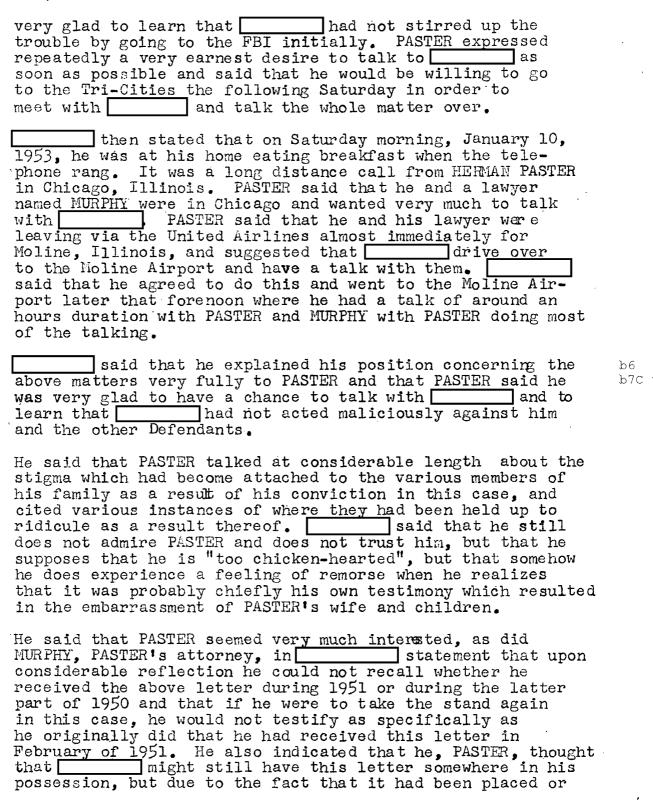
He also advised that due to the fact that he had been at odds with PASTER and the other defendants because of their failure to pay what he considers his legitimate commission claim, that he feels that all of them might believe that he acted as a "stool pigeon" and "sicked" the FBI on them in an effort to get even with them.

says that he also has done considerable brooding about this latter point and has come to the conclusion that if PASTER and the other defendants knew the truth, that is that the FBI had come to him and that he had not actually gone to the FBI, that their entire attitude would be changed toward him and that they would probably no longer feel that his testimony was furnished in a spirit of malice, but rather one of compulsion.

then said that the more he thought about these points, the more he worried about the entire matter. He said that during the latter part of the second week of January, 1953, he estimates that it would have been either on the 7th, 8th, or 9th of January, 1953, that he was working in Southeastern Iowa and a guest at the Anthes Hotel in Ft. Madison, Iowa. One of these nights, while in his room, he decided to place a long distance call to HERMAN PASTER to tell PASTER that he wanted to talk this entire matter over and that he finally decided to pick up the phone and call PASTER, which he did. He says that this was a prepaid call which should appear on his hotel guest record or in the account record pertaining to his registration at the Anthes Hotel on that occasion.

said that he got through on the call to PASTER and had a brief conversation with PASTER during which he outlined his feelings on the above mentioned points. PASTER had stated that he was very glad to hear from and was

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inadvertently concealed in some unknown place, that simply might have been unable to find it previously.	
said that he considered that this was a very remote possibility only, as he, his wife, and Agents of the FBI, with his permission, had made a thorough search of everyplace in his house where such papers might be likely to be found, without developing any trace of the missing letter.	,
He said that PASTER and MURPHY expressed an urgent desire that come to St. Paul, Minnesota the early part of the following week and tell the same story to the other lawyers representing PASTER said that he told PASTER that he had no desire to do this, that he was very busy and could not afford to lose the time, and that he certainly did not intend to receive any reimbursement from PASTER for taking time or incuring the expense to go to St. Paul, Minnesota for that purpose.	
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It was finally agreed between him and PASTER, said, that would call PASTER collect at PASTER's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, the following day, Sunday, January 11, 1953, and would let PASTER have his decision in this matter. said that he estimates that the above conversation with PASTER and MURPHY took approximately one hour and that immediately following that conversation, PASTER and MURPHY boarded an east bound plane for Chicago, apparently with the intention of returning directly to St. Paul, Minnesota, via Chicago, Illinois.	-
said that late on the afternoon of January 10, 1953, returned his call. He explained that he has known personally for many years and also knows him through professional relationship inasmuch as he considers to be his lawyer.	



He said that he outlined the conference with PASTER and MURPHY to as above indicated, and asked opinion as to whether or not he should accomodate PASTER by making the trip to St. Paul, Minnesota as requested by him.
said that said that in his judgment should not, under any circumstances, go to St. Paul, Minnesota, and that proceeded to point out that the case was a closed case, that would have nothing to gain and everything to lose by making this sort of a trip, and that felt that PASTER and perhaps his attorneys might be attempting to work into a position by which would revoke part of his testimony furnished at the trial. said that if had testified truthfully at the trial, that he should not consider making any statement to anyone which would indicate his uncertainty about this testimony, and, in conclusion terminated the conversation with a final admonition to not to consider making the trip.
said that it was his full intention after talking to not to go to St. Paul, Minnesota.
On the afternoon of Sunday, January 11, 1953, stated that he called PASTER at PASTER's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, collect, per his agreement the day previous with PASTER. said that he pointed out the instructions of his lawyer and said that for his own personalreasons, in addition, that he did not desire to go to St. Paul.
The reasons assigned by to PASTER at that time included the fact that he wanted to put in a very busy week in Northeastern Iowa calling on his numerous customers in that area. He said that PASTER was very persistent during the call and continually begged him to reconsider and come to St. Paul, Minnesota, at PASTER's expense. PASTER then urged to think the matter over further and said that he would contact the next evening after ascertaining that would either be in the Ellis Hotel of Waterloo, Iowa, the following night, or at the new motel recently opened at New Hampton, Iowa.
said that he was pretty sure that he left PASTER virtually certainly convinced that he, would not go

to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the conference as a result of this telephone call.

said that the next night, Monday, January 12, 1953, he stopped at the motel at New Hampton, Iowa, but he could not remember the name of this motel. He stated that it is rather new, however, and is the only motel at New Hampton.

stated that PASTER contacted him telephonically that evening with further request for to go to St. Paul. said that he continued to state that he did not desire to go to St. Paul for the conference with PASTER and his attorneys and said that if PASTER wanted him to talk to his lawyers, that they could come to the Winnesheik Hotel at Decorah, Iowa, the following day or night and that he would be willing to meet them there and repeat the statements made to PASTER at Moline, Illinois, the previous Saturday.

PASTER said that this would mot work out at all and finally, said that he decided he might as well go to St. Paul, Minnesota and get the entire matter off of his mind. Accordingly, he told PASTER that he would try to get into St. Paul sometime the following day and would call him upon arrival in the twin cities.

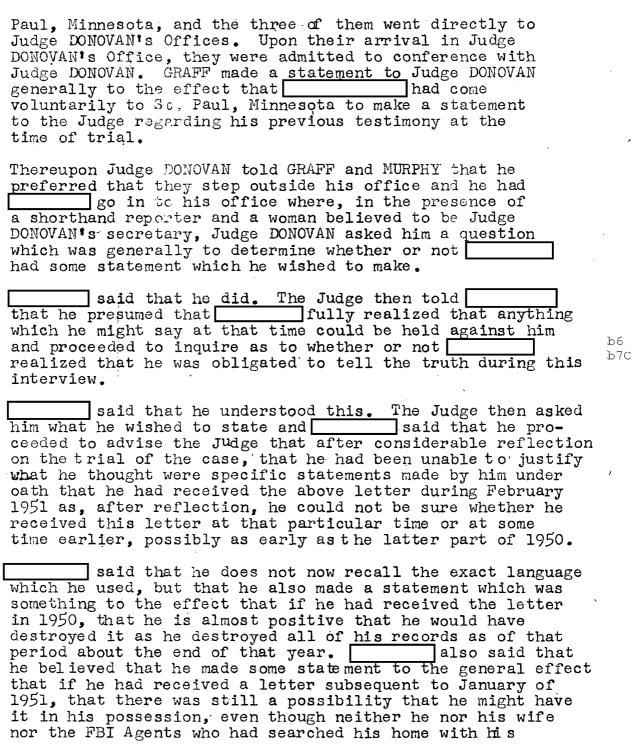
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said that the next day he continued work in his North Iowa territory in the northern counties of Iowa and around noon was in Lime Springs, Iowa. He decided to run on up to St. Paul from that point and accordingly continued to drive in a northerly direction, arriving in Minneapolis, Minnesota, about 4:00 p.m.

Upon arrival in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he stopped to have his car serviced in a filling station on the south side of the city and at that time and from that place called HERMAN PASTER at PASTER's Office in St. Paul. He advised PASTER that he was in the city but had no hotel accomodations.

PASTER said that he should proceed on downtown to the Nicolette Hotel in downtown Minneapolis and that PASTER would meet him there in a few minutes. _______ said that accordingly he drove his car to the Nicolette Hotel garage and parked it there in storage. A few minutes later he met PASTER in the lobby of the Nicolette Hotel but the hotel was fully booked and PASTER was unable to secure a reservation for ______ at that establishment.

PASTER then told that he did not have to worry and he would get him into a good hotel and suggested that accompany him to a club at which PASTER is a member in order to take a swim and a steam bath. As had nothing else to do he agreed to go along with PASTER.	
Following his swim and steam bath, PASTER drove to Gannons Steak House, Southwestern St. Paul, where PASTER bought him a steak dinner. After having dinner and at his request, accompanied PASTER to the office of JOHN GRAFF, one of PASTER's attorneys. MURPHY was also present at that office, apparently representing the law firm with which SIDNEY GOFF, another of PASTER's attorneys, is connected.	
At GRAFF's suggestion, proceeded to restate the matters which he and PASTER had discussed at Moline, Illinois on Saturday, January 10, 1953, as above outlined.	
Following this statement on the part of, GRAFF asked if he would be willing to go before Judge DONOVAN of the United States District Court in DONOVAN's chambers the following morning and repeat those statements said that he had no objection to doing this and in his presence GRAFF and MURPHY held a discussion as to whether or not they should attempt to get an appointment with Judge DONOVAN for for the following morning or whether they should take a chance on finding Judge DONOVAN in his chambers around 9:00 a.m.	Ъб Ъ
The latter course was decided upon and agreed to appear at GRAFF's office just before 9:00 p.m. the next day.	
After placing several telephone calls, PASTER finally managed to get a reservation at the Commodore Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota and drove to the Commodore Hotel where remained overnight. PASTER picked up the following morning at that hotel and took him to JOHN GRAFF's office in St. Paul, Minnesota.	
said that upon his arrival at GRAFF's Office, GRAFF and MURPHY, who was waiting there, accompanied to Judge DONOVAN's Office in the Federal Courts Building at St.	

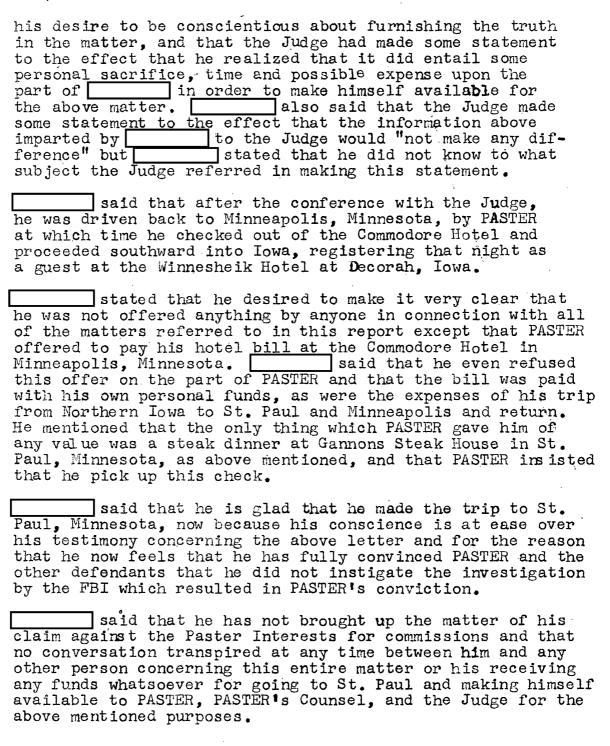


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At this juncture in the interview, the Reporting Agent asked if he had made any statement to the Judge which could be inferred as having even possibly intimated to the effect that he had at any time found this letter and given it to the FBI or that the FBI had found the letter said that he had not made any such statement.
The Reporting Agent then refreshed recollection concerning the initial interview between the Reporting Agent, SA and and also directed his attention to each successive interview had with following the initial interview in September of 1951, and asked if it was not a fact that on the occasion of each interview he stated that he had looked for the letter, as had his wife, and that they had not been able to find it.
was also asked if it was not a fact that any state- ment which he might have made and which might be construed as leaving open the possibility that the FBI might have obtained this letter was completely false and not what he actually intended to infer and he stated that this would be correct and that the FBI has never seen or had the letter in its possession, even though representatives of the FBI have shown great interest in seeing the letter since the original interview with in September of 1951.
said that to the best of his recollection he did not make any statement which could be considered along the lines mentioned in the last two preceding paragraphs and that if he did so it was because of a poor choice of words on his part.
with further reference to the conference with Judge DONOVAN, said that he was not in the Judge's chambers longer than ten minutes at the outside and that the foregoing consists of all of his statements to Judge DONOVAN except an answer to a final question by Judge DONOVAN to the general effect as to whether or not that was all had wanted to say and to which responded in the affirmative.
He said that at the conclusion of the conference, the entire proceedings of which were taken down by the shorthand reporter, Judge DONOVAN thanked him for his interest in the matter and

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During the latter part of the interview, said that both he and are under subpoena to Fargo, North Dakota, in a case in which ALLEN I. NILVA, HERMAN PASTER and the Attorney General of North Dakota are Defendants. He said that he has no knowledge whatever of the facts of that case and that he is completely at a loss to understand why he was subpoenaed in that matter.	
He said that appearance at that trial will entail considerable financial loss to himself in the form of loss of earnings, and that if is compelled to go to that place as a possible government witness, that he feels certain that she will quit her job at the, Rock Island, Illinois, because of fear of gossip which would attend her absence for that purpose.	b6 b7C
He indicated that he thought that he might shortly write a letter to the United States Attorney at Fargo, North Dakota asking to be excused as the government witness in that case and making the same request for	<i>D1</i> C
At the conclusion of the interview, stated that if on any subsequent occasion he is contacted by any of the Defendants in this case or anyone representing or acting for them, or if he feels inclined to contact any such persons, that he will notify the FBI immediately of such contact or intention.	

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Pursuant to the request of Assistant United States Attorne; JOHNSON of St. Paul, Minnesota, telephonically communicate to the Reporting Agent by long distance telephone call on	
January 14, 1953, the gist of the interview with	
set forth hereinabove, was telephonically furnish	ed
to AUSA RONALD HACHEY by long distance telephone call,	
collect, from the Reporting Agent to Mr. HACHEY on the lat-	er
afternoon of January 13, 1953.	

It is to be noted that Mr. JOHNSON, in the long distance telephone call above mentioned, requested that complete investigation be conducted at any logical point to ascertain what, if any, long distance telephone call traffic might be found indicating contact between and the defendants or anyone representing them at or in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hence, the following leads are hereto appended:

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Will, at the Hotel Commodore, ascertain pertinent registration data for ________ at that establishment on January 13, 1953 and his supposed check out on the following day, such investigation to include the procuring of any information available concerning telephone calls made from or charged to his room during the period of his such occupancy.

THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Davenport, Iowa:

Will, at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, confidentially ascertain the long distance telephone toll charges made to the telephone of LeClaire, Iowa, for the period November 28, 1952 to and including January 15, 1953.

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- At Decorah, Iowa:

Will, at the Winnesheik Hotel, procure the same type of information as the lead set out for the Minneapolis Office at the Commodore Hotel, as stated above, it being noted that presumably registered there sometime on January 14, 1953.

At Fort Madison, Iowa:

Will, at the Anthes Hotel, conduct investigation similar to that above requested at Minneapolis, Minnesota, it being noted that had stated that he was a guest at that hotel on the 7th, 8th, or 9th of January, 1953, and placed a long distance to HERMAN PASTER at St. Paul, Minnesota, from that establishment.

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At New Hampton Iowa:

Will, at the New motel, stated to be the only one in that city, check for the registration of ______ on or about January 12, 1953, and will procure any available information at that place for a record of telephone calls made by _____ or to _____.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICES

IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, THAT THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION BE COMPLETED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THAT A REPORT COVERING SAME REACH THAT OFFICE AS QUICKLY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT.

REFERENCE: Minneapolis teletype dated 1-14-53.

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in Minneapolis and is employed by the Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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said that after a brief exchange of personal greetings, proceeded to advise him that he had a "terrific deal" that he wanted to tell about and that he, expected to be in the Davenport, Iowa, area on or about December 22, 1952. He said that he wanted to be sure that would be available at that time as he wanted to discuss the details of a proposition with him and that he would also like to take _____ and his wife out for dinner. He suggested that they hold themselves in readiness for his arrival on December 22, 1952, and he would contact late that afternoon or around dinner time in order to take them out to dinner. said that about the only thing other than that which was mentioned during the call that day was that call the Harper House H tel in Rock Island, Illinois, and make a reservation for him for the night of December 22, 1952, as this would save _____ the expense of making the call for that purpose. said that he agreed to do so, and this statement, upon his part terminated the conversation to the best of his recollection. It is noted that investigation conducted by the Springfield Office at the Harper House, Rock Island, Illinois, has reflected that a desk clerk at the Harper House Hotel, has advised that Request for Registration Notations of letters, etc., are destroyed as soon as the day for which registrations are requested has appsed. and for that reason, she would be unable to locate any notation of requested reservation concerning _____. She stated, however, that she recalled that during the third or fourth week in December, 1952, that she received a local telephone call

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for a specified night during the latter part of December 1952, but that she would be unable to give the exact date for which the registration was requested.

from an individual whose identity she did not know at the

She stated, however, that she well recalls having received this call as she knows and therefore the call actually had some personal meaning to her at the time of its receipt. She was also able to advise a positive recollection that did not call at the hotel to pick up the reservation and that same went unfilled for that reason.
With further reference to the interview with he furnished the following information.
He advised his wife of the receipt of the call from and as they decided between them to accept this invitation for dinner on December 22, 1952, she dressed for the occasion during the late afternoon and when failed to contact them on that date as agreed, he and went out for dinner by themselves.
The following day, December 23, 1952, as far as he is able to recall, shoed up at his place of business in Rock Island, Illinois, late in the afternoon, estimated to be somewhere between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. apologized for not having arrived in the Davenport area the day previous as per his phone call and explained that urgent business elsewhere had made it impossible for him to reach Davenport, Iowa, as expected.
He then explained to that the "terrific deal" which he had referred to in a previous long distance telephone conversation, had to do with a new product of the Bally Manufacturing Company which was being distributed by the Company for whom is working, this product being in the nature of a life size mechanical pony designed to furnish rides to children at ten cents each upon insertion of a dime. He explained to that could purchase these for \$1100 cash or, that if he did not desire to buy such product, but was interested in the operation of same, that could probably make arrangements for him to obtain one or more of these horses or ponies through his company on some sort of a percentage basis said that went on and on about the merit of the product and that a "hot item" the product had turned out to be.
mentioned that all of the stores of the S.S. Kresge Company are eventually going to install one of these ponies

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or horses following arrangements made between Bally Manufacturing Company and the headquarters of the Kresge Company at Detroit, Michigan mentioned that he wanted to see one of the top officials of McCabe's Department Store in Rock Island, Illinois, during the course of that same visit with reference to the installation of one of these ponies, and that he also wantedto talk to the manager of the S. S. Kresge Store in Davenport, Iowa, concerning the same matter.	
said that has a pretty good idea of the operation being conducted by and that he,, could not understand why should have thought that would be interested in purchasing or operating this type of equipment and that he got the very definite impression at the time that the entire sales talk given to him by was merely a pretext upon which had contacted him, someother mission actually being uppermost in mind.	
stated that now looking back he would estimate that it was probably around 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., December 23, 1952, when arrived at his office and that they discussed the above proposition for perhaps as much as twenty or thirty minutes.	b(b
After that discussion,	
It was further recollection that shortly after this conversation with he and left the establishment at in Rock Island, Illinois and proceeded to McCabe's Department Store in downtown Rock Island, Illinois. While he waited in the car near the store, went in and had a very brief conversation with one of the	

executives of that store, whose identity is not known to at the time.
recalled that was driving a Station Wagon bearing Minnesota license, believed to be a Plymouth, and stated that the car in which they drove as above mentioned and hereinafter described, was that of .
at this point, advised that he also recalled that immediately after the discussion about the pony or horse ride equipment above mentioned, that he suggested to that he buy dinner for him that evening which invitation accepted. He said that also asked if it would not be possible for to call and urge him to have dinner with the two of them, but told him that was known to him to be out of the area on a sales trip and it would therefore be impossible for him to get a hold of him to extend the invitation.
He said that was obviously disappointed that he was not going to see and voiced regret, stating that one of the things he had wanted to do while in the Davenport, Iowa area was to look up to assure him that HERMAN PASTER held no ill will against because of having testified against him during the trial of the defendants in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota, the preceding month.
said that was very insistent that he pass on this assurance to his brother and that he, agreed to do so.
also said that when got onto this subject about desiring to see , etc., that it then and there seemed to him that actual mission in coming to the Davenport, Iowa, area had been to get hold of instead of any other type of business as mentioned by
further recalled that prior to leaving his place of business for McCabe's Department Store as above mentioned, that questioned him quite closely as to when he would probably see, next said that he recalled that he told

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OM 71-206 at the time that they would probably have a on Christmas day and that he would almost at that time. inevitably see then questioned as to whether or not it was intention to go to North Dakota to testify in the criminal proceedings involving HERMAN PASTER, ALLEN I. NILVA, and the Attorney General of North Dakota, but that _____ could only tell him that he had not discussed this matter with , had no knowledge of even what the case in North Dakota was about, and had no idea of 🗌 intentions in the matter, except that had confidentially told him that he could not understand why he was under subpoena to go to North Dakota for the reason that he was not familiar with that case at all and did not see what they wanted his testimony about. After he had made some general statement to this effect said that he would greatly appreciate _ would discuss this matter with | at the anticipated call him, L ____, to let ___ know as to any comments made in that connection. said that he believed that he made some statement to indicating that he would probably do this although he was doing so only out of tact as he had no intention of discussing this matter with as requested by and did not, in fact, do so subsequently. Reverting back to the visit to McCabe's Department Store in

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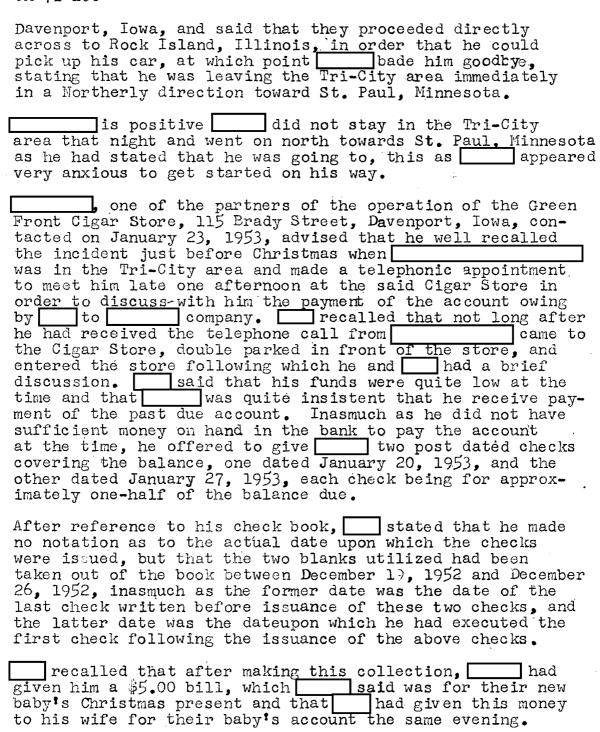
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dowtown Rock Island, Illinois, said that it was probably around 6:00 p.m. as he can now best recall when arrived at that store and he was there only a few minutes. Immediately upon leaving the store, mentioned that he had not been able to see the man to whom he had intended to contact and that they would go on across Davenport, Iowa to fill the appointment which he had made with

Accordingly, ____ drove the above mentioned station wagon from downtown Rock Island, Illinois to Davenport, Iowa and

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double parked it in front of the Green Front Cigar Store at 115 Brady Street. He entered said establishment and came back within a very few moments indicating that he had collected the past due account from in full.	
Thereafter, drove the above station wagon to near the One Thirty Grill or the Sportsmen's Club, both of which are located practically adjacent to each other on East 3rd Street and he and had dinner in one of those places.	
He does not recall what they talked about during dinner except that said that he was not going to stay in the Tri-City area all night but was heading back toward Minneapolis and would probably stop at some intermediate city, and thinks that he mentioned Dubuque, Iowa, to attempt to make a collection and would stay somewhere enroute that night, going on from that point to St. Paul, Minnesota, the following morning.	
does not recall that stated where he was going to stay that night, but got the definite impression that was going to leave the Tri-City area immediately after taking back to Rock Island to pick up his car.	b6 b7С
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estimated that it took them something less than an hour to consume their dinner and that they left the restaurant almost immediately after finishing their meal, following which he drove to the S.S. Kresge Company Store in Downtown Davenport, Iowa, in order that might attempt to contact one of the officials of this store while he, drove station wagon around the block several times, it being impossible to find a parking place in the vicinity due to the throng of Christmas shoppers.	
believes that it was probably a little after 7:00 p.m. when finished his business at the Kresge Store in	,



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OM 71-206 then telephonically contacted his wife, who consulted a baby gift book which she maintains. She recalled, at the same time, that the same day that ____ had given ___ five dollars, that she had received a pair of baby pajamas from friends in Chicago, Illinois, and that she had made the entries in the baby's gift book at that time. By reference to that gift book, she observed that both the entry relating to the pajamas and that relating to the five dollar gift from ______ bore the date of December 23, 1952, and she is quite certain that this would represent the true date of _____ visit to Davenport as mentioned. With further relation to the interview with the following was ascertained. stated that he, and on Christmas day, 1952. said that he believed that on that occasion he and b7C had some general discussion of instant case but does not recall that they had done any more than talk in generalities about it, and that only for a short time.

did not indicate that he had been incontact with any of the defendants or anyone representing them subsequent to the time of the trial, and that he did not signify any intention of contacting any such person himself. said that he mentioned to that had been in town a few days previous and had expressed the desire that he, could have accompanied them for dinner that night as guest, and had requested him to pass on to . PASTER's personal regard and a statement to the effect that PASTER harbored no ill will against him for having testified against PASTER and the other defendants in this case. said that he also believed that the matter of possibly testifying in the North Dakota case in the future was mentioned at that time and that ____

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made some general passing remark to the effect that he surely hoped that he would be excused as a witness as it took so much

time away from his work and that he did not really know what he could testify to that would be of importance in the case any way.

January 2, 1953, or January 3, 1953, he could not be sure which date, he arrived at his home rather late at night to find a note to the effect that had been calling him from some phone in either Minneapolis or St. Paul and had requested word left for him to contact a certain long distance operator in one of those cities by number upon his return home.
was eventually connected with, he presumed athome, due to the lateness of the hour.
stated that maybe he is overly suspicious, but that due to the fact that voice was very faint and there was considerable static or interference on the wire at the time of the call, he suspected that their conversation might have been in the process of being recorded and he was therefore somewhat guarded in his statements at the time.
He said that inquired almost immediately at the outset of the conversation if he,, had had a chance to discuss intentions concerning testifying as a Government witness in the case to come up against PASTER and others in North Dakota in the near future said that he cannot be sure exactly what reply he made to this question but that his answer was generally to
the effect that he had discussed the matter with
only in passing and had gotten the general idea that
hoped to be relieved of this duty because of the great amount of time and expense plus the fact that he would make a trip to North Dakota only to find out that after he had lost a good deal of time, he would be unable to furnish any pertinent testimony anyhow. He believes that he recalls that questioned him superficially about this reply which he had made but does not recall the answers he gave to at the time except that he does have a definite recollection that any answers which he made would have been vague, general, and apparently were somewhat non-satisfactory to for those reasons.

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OM 71-206 He said that _____ next said that he and the other defendants in this case were to be sentenced within a few days at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that their lawyers had told them to be prepared to receive sentences which would require their "doing some time". then said that he and the other defendants had appreciated the apparent fairness with which he, had testified during the trial at St. Paul, and asked if he would be willing to do him a little favor. said that he asked what this favor might be. replied something to the effect that "they" believed that , wuld do something which might lighten the sentences which they expected to receive if he would be willing to write a particular type of a letter to Judge DONOVAN. then went on to tell that he wished that would sit down and write a letter to Judge DONOVAN telling him that he is positive that he never saw such a letter and did not believe such a letter existed as , had testified to during the trial. went on to request that ___include in that letter a statement to the general effect that he, , had not seen or had any opportunity to discuss such a letter with , and therefore had had no opportunity to have observed such a letter if in fact one actually existed, from and after Christmas of 1950 until Christmas of the following year. stated that he immediately told _____ that he would not be willing to write such a letter for the reason that as he testified during the trial, he did not specifically recall having seen such a letter, but that he would not specifically state that he had not actually seen such a letter, either. He stated he might actually have seen such letter and, due to the fact that same had no personal interest to him, could not recall it at the time of trial. He would not be willing to state that such letter was never in existence for the reason that it well might have been in existence and that he well might have seen the letter, although he has searched his recollection and has no recollection of ever having seen it. Last and finally, he stated that it would be untruthful

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therefore not have had an opportunity to discuss the letter with him during the last above mentioned period because he had, in fact, seen ______ on a number of occasions

for him to state that he had not seen

OM 71-206 when that would have been possible, even though he has no recollection of it. stated that he told that he had testified fully and completely in all honesty at the time of the trial and that he has no desire to change any of the testimony which he gave as same, to the best of his recollection, is the full and complete truth. He said that] appeared to be somewhat disappointed upon receiving his reply but discussed the matter only very briefly and generally after having heard his statements in that regard. He does not recall the remainder of the conversation at that time, if any, and feels that the foregoing substantially is the gist of the entire telephone call except, perhaps some personal greetings or matters which would be trivial and irrelevant to any possible connection with this entire matter. stated that the above mentioned long distance telephone calls (2) and the personal call which he received on the late afternoon and early evening of December 23, 1952, constitute the only three occasions upon which any of the defendants in this case or anyone acting for them have been in touch with him since he testified at the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, in November, 1952. volunteered that he does not desire to become "involved" in this matter and that he will voluntarily contact the Reporting Agent immediately if he should be recontacted by any of the other defendants, or anyone appearing to act for them in the future. At the conclusion of the interview, stated that on no occasion during either of the above telephone calls or personal call of _____ was the matter of ____ claim for bonus commissions brought up in any way, shape or form, or even touched upon in his discussions with _____. He stated that he has not seen, conversed

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, since the afternoon or early evening of Christmas Day, 1952, and expressed surprise that had

attorneys and that he had made a trip to St. Paul for that

been in contact with any of the defendants or their

with, or had any contact whatsoever with

purpose.

On January 23, 1953,
On the occasion of this recontact, stated that there are a few things that he desired to mention which he might have overlooked during the previous interview.
He said that upon reflection of the interview and the information he had given, he felt that he should emphasize that on the occasion of above-mentioned personal call upon him during December, 1952, and on the occasion of the long distance call from on January 2 or 3rd, 1953, that seemed exceedingly eager to learn whether or not plans to go to North Dakota to testify in the case there and if so, what, if any knowledge he would appear to have concerning the facts of that case and also as to what he might be able to testify to.
He said, also upon further reflection, that appeared to be desperately trying to develop new information concerning the letter which featured in the trial of the case and which is supposed to be lost or destroyed, or to be able to influence him, to change the testimony which he had given at the time of trial, as above mentioned.
further volunteered the statement to the effect that the more he has thought about it, the more that it is obvious to him that

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OM 71-206 business of company. said that _____ appeared to be almost desperate in connection with the suggestions which he made during the long distance telephone call above mentioned on January 2 or 3, 1953, and that he believes would leave no stone unturned in an attempt to better his position with relation to that conviction and possible sentence. With relation to the testimony of ___ , at the time of trial in connection with the _____stated that to his personal missing letter. ____ is a very sloppy person insofar as knowledge L the maintenance of business records are concerned. He said that has had little or no schooling in business affairs and that to the positive knowledge of ___ has always followed the policy of throwing away correspondence in business letters which the average business man would not think ofparting with. He said that from having discussed the matter of [testimony | that he is pretty testified truthfully according to sure that the best of his recollection at the time of trial concerning the letter; that he is sure after such discussion that actually received such a letter; and that he is also sure that has made a diligent but unsuccessful attempt to find same. He also volunteered a statement to the effect that has a notoriously poor recollection for dates and that it is easily possible that he could not recall with correctness even an approximate date of a given transaction within a few weeks or months after it had occurred. On January 23, 1953, __was contacted. At that time she was specifically interrogated as to whether or not there had been any fires at or in their home since building their present home in 1948. She stated that there have been no fires or fire losses there, large or small, of any kind, nature, or description, and that as she is almost constantly at home, or at least part of almost every day, that it would have been impossible for there to have

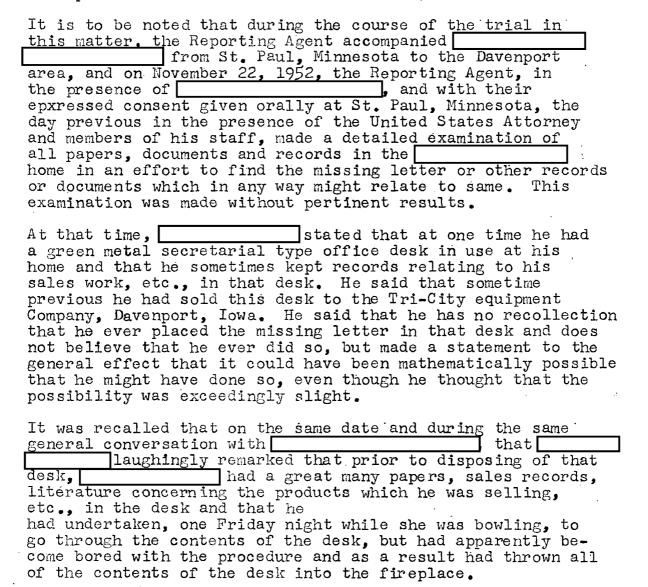
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been any fires there without her having known of it.

She said that approximately eight or ten years ago, when they were living west of their present residence, that their home had burned down but that this was the last fire experienced at their residence and that it was so long ago that it could not conceivably have any connection with this present case.



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She said that when she came home from bowling early that same evening, there was a little smoke in the living room and she noticed that the front of the fireplace appeared to be somewhat discolored by smoke. She said that they had had a conversation about it at the time and that he had said that he had started to go through the contents of the desk item by item, and had finally decided, "Oh to hell with it" and had thrown all of the papers into the fireplace, having apparently failed to properly adjust the draft to accomodate so hot a fire, or having thrown too much in at one time with the result that some of the smoke had crept up on the outside of the fireplace leaving a slight smoke discoloration.

On January 23, 1953, was again questioned concerning this incident.

She said that she could not recall any of the details concerning the incident specifically and proceeded to relate generally the same story as just above set forth.

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When questioned concerning the sale or disposition of the desk, she said that one weekend when ______ was home and after he had quit the Paster and Mayflower Distributing Companies, he said that he no longer needed the desk and instructed her to advertise it for sale in the classified ads of the Davenport Daily Times. She said that he went away the first of the following week on a sales trip forgetting to leave the key to the desk drawer with her and she did not advertise the desk at that time because she felt that any prospective buyer would not only want the key but would also want to examine the interior of the desk at the time of the considered purchase.

She stated that either the next weekend or the weekend following, ________ returned home and she had reminded him that he had forgotten to leave the key with her. She said that he made some remark to the general effect that everybody knew what the inside of a desk looked like anyhow and did not see why she hadnot gone on and advertised it as he had asked. She said that on that occasion, however, he turned the key over to her and within a short time thereafter, probably within a week or two, she caused a classified "for sale" advertisement to be published in the Davenport Daily Times which, however, failed to achieve any results.

She stated that she also recalled that a short time later, perhaps two or three weeks, she again caused another classified "for sale" advertisement to be run in the Daily. Times and this, like the initial advertisement, was also unproductive of results.

She also recalled that later, how many days, weeks or months she is unable to estimate, turned the desk over to the Tri-City Equipment Company and that he later received credit in a now forgotten amount for the desk to apply against an account which he owed that company.
of the dates upon which any of the above occurrences transpired but she said that she believed that the dates of the classified advertisement first inserted by her in the Davenport Daily Times would have been not to exceed a matter of a few weeks at the outside subsequent to the time that removed the contents of the desk and burned it as above mentioned.
Daily Times, Davenport, Iowa, contacted on January 23, 1953, advised that the records relating to the insertion of classified advertisements paid for in cash by the advertiser are systematically destroyed as they become one year old and, accordingly, the records relating to any such advertisement paid for in cash inserted in the paper prior to approximately January 1952, would have been destroyed and would be no longer available. He pointed out that due to the very nature of the classified advertising business, that it was customary for persons inserting classified ads to pay for same in cash and that the great bulk of such advertising business is handled on a cash basis and recorded as cash sales with no identifying data in the records of the newspaper.
He mentioned that a small portion of classified ads inserted are charged to the person inserting the ad and he volunteered to examine such records as might still be available concerning such transactions for the calendar year 1951. Later, the same date, stated that his department is under great stress at the present time due to a printers strike and also that he is short some of his personnel. He stated that he had carefully examined the records relating to classified advertisements inserted in the paper on a credit basis for the period October 1 through December 31, 1951, but had

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OM 71-206 stated that personnel to review the remaining records of credit sales of the classified advertisements for the period of 1951 preceding October 1, 1951 would probably not be available to him in order to have that check completed prior to January 26, 1953. stated that the only other way in which the dates of the above mentioned classified advertisements could be determined would be a detailed review of the classified advertisement section of the back copies of the Davenport Daily Times for the entire year of 1951. He described this as an exceedingly laborious and time consuming process and suggested that his check of the credit records be completed before giving the latter type of check consideration. General Manager, Tri-City Equipment Company, Davenport, Iowa, a wholesale organization, 527 West 4th Street, was interviewed on January 23, 1953. was questioned concerning any recollection he might have concerning the receipt of the above desk from stated that he well recalls that sometime during the year 1950, his company made a sale of some kitchen equipment to a man who was operating an eating establishment in a boat house on the Mississippi River, the real estate in which same was located having belonged to J whom he then knew personally. He said that he vaguely recalled that this man died or for that some reason the account became uncollectable and that had assumed and agreed to pay the remaining balance of the indebtedness. He also recalled thathe had made some efforts to collect the balance of the account from ___unsuccessfully. He stated that it was during the fall of the year 1951 ___somewhere, he does not now recall, and that he met had a personal conversation with him about payment of the account. At that time mentioned that he had a green metal office secretary desk which he no longer needed and which he was trying to sell. ____ said that at the time he was in need of a secretarys desk and made arrangements with

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to his store, following which he would either sell it for

or that he would use the desk in his own business.

on the spot to call for the desk and take it back

] and credit the proceeds of this sale on his account,

OM 71-206 agreed to this. said that a few days later he recalled that he and either an employee or a friend went out with one of the company trucks to home near LeClaire, Iowa, and picked up the desk. He said that he was certain that it was during the late fall of 1951 as he recalled that it was during duck hunting season. He said that he well recalled that _____had some live ducks in a pen at his place and that some conversation ensued between or and about the duck hunting season and its progress. said that he took the desk back to the plant of the Tri-City Equipment Company and that same is still in use there by one of the office employees, a \blacksquare advised that he doubted that he made the usual formal "pick up" ticket out covering the pick up of the desk as it was a very unusual transaction and as the desk did not represent merchandise previously from the stock of the Tri-City Equipment Company. He stated that he would have a b6 search made for any pick-up ticket that might be available, b7C however, and that . Office Manager of the Company, would be in possession of the ticket if such could be located. , Office Manager of the Tri-City Equipment Company, Davenport, Iowa, also interviewed on January 23, 1953, advised that he had discussed the matter of procuring the desk from with , and had found that she had a very definite recollection of the transaction for the reason that she was originally employed at that company on October 29, 1951, and that the company had no desk for her at the time. She well recalled that it was the desk which was picked up from the ______ residence which was given to her for her use within a week or so after the first date of her employment. dadvised that he had conducted a complete search of the records of the company but had been unable to locate any "pick up ticket" and like expressed the

belief that due to the unusual nature of the transaction, that no pick up ticket had been made at the time of the transaction.

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Same was found to consist of only a few documentary items. The initial item was a conditional sales contract dated August 25, 1950, for some kitchen equipment described therein as sold by the Tri-City Equipment Company to one After crediting the down payment, a balance of the \$308.15 remained unpaid and this payment was provided for in the conditional sales contract and not thereto attached.

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The only other item of pertinent interest found in the file was a longhand letter dated February 25, 1952, addressed to the Tri-City Equipment Company, attention

This letter read as follows:

"Dear Sir:

told me to write you a note several weeks ago when he left for Missouri and finally I'm getting to it. He said you could credit our account with \$80.00 for the desk and for me to enclose a check for \$10.00.

"I should send you a check every two weeks until this has been cleaned up.

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"Thank you for all past courtesies.

Sincerely,

/s/
Davenport, Towa, upon interview, advised that to her positive knowledge she entered the employment of the said company on October 29, 1951. She said at that time she represented a new and additional employee to the number of such persons previously employed in the office and for that reason, on the date she was hired, no desk was available for her.
She further recalled that a few days later made some arrangement with of LeClaire, Iowa, to turn in a secretary's desk for credit on a past due account which was then owing to the company. She also recalled that personally, went to LeClaire, Iowa, in a truck and brought back the secretary's desk from the residence and she stated that this was perhaps about a week after the first date of her employment, and certainly not more than two weeks thereafter.

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On January 22, 1953, the Reporting Agent contacted Assistant Fire Chief LANG, Central Fire Station, Davenport, Iowa, and made inquiry concerning the manner in which, if any, fires occurring in rural areas and small towns are reported. Mr. LANG advised that it is his understanding that each volunteer fire department must keep a record of all calls answered by that fire department, and that in addition, each town clerk must make a report to the Iowa State Fire Marshal of any fire coming to his attention and involving damage in the amount of five dollars and over.

On January 22, 1953, _______, Town Clerk, LeClaire, Iowa, advised that it is the policy of the town of LeClaire, Iowa, to have the Chief of the Fire Department, HARVEY PHILLIPS, keep such records as are necessary concerning fire calls made to the department. He referred the Reporting Agent to Mr. PHILLIPS for any information concerning such matters.

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The writer contacted Mr. PHILLIPS who stated that he is presently Chief of the LeClaire, Iowa, Fire Department, a volunteer organization, and that he has served in that capacity continuously for the past six or seven years. He stated that he is well and personally acquainted with and stated that although residence is just outside the town limits of LeClaire, Iowa, that it is well within the territory which would be serviced by the LeClaire Fire Department in the event of any fire at the residence.
PHILLIPS continued that he is absolutely certain that no information concerning any fire at the residence has come to his attention during the past six or seven years and that further, he is certain because of his interest in such matters, that if there had been any fire at the residence, that he would almost certainly have known of it.
He continued that there had been a fire at the home when the resided about a mile west of their present address, but he believed that this was at least eight years ago, and possibly earlier than that. He said that this fire resulted in their home burning to the ground but that this was the last time that he had known of any fire at the home.
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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Springfield Office for their information in the event that it may be desired that additional investigation relating to matters hereinconcerned may be requested of the Springfield Division.

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to the Minneapolis Office, even though there are no investigative leads for that office hereto appended, this for the reason that it is believed that active investigation in this case is presently being conducted by that office and that it would be highly desirable that an additional copy over and above the usual one copy for information be available to Minneapolis.

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Honorable Philip Neville United States Attorney 221 Federal Courts Building St. Paul 2, Linnesota G. I. R. 3

My dear Mr. Neville:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 8, 1952, in which you commend our representatives in Omaha, Springfield, and Minneapolis for their work in the recent case involving Herman Paster and others.

I am informing the Special Agents in Charge of these offices of your comments, and I know they will appreciate your writing as much as I. It means a great deal to me personally to receive such a letter, and I know that it will be a source of encouragement to our Special Agents who investigated this matter. I very much hope that our work will continue to merit your approval and support and wish to reiterate that we are always ready to be of any possible service or assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA 221 Federal Courts Building St. Paul 2, Minnesota

December 8, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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This office wishes to express its appreciation for the very fine work of the members of your organization in the investigation and preparation for trial of the recently tried case of the United States v. Herman Paster,

Albert Gardner, and the Mayflower Distributing Company. The case involved the interstate transportation of slot machines from the area surrounding Davenport, Iowa, and a conspiracy to violate the so-called "Johnson Act", prohibiting such transportation. The defendants involved are men of considerable stature in the field of organized gambling and it is felt, by our office at least, that this conviction will have a definite deterrent effect.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. J. L.

Dalton, Special Agent in Charge, Omaha, Nebraska, for the very fine work performed by _______, resident agent at _______ not only did exceptional work meriting recognition on investigating this case to this assistance in the preparation of the case for trial and his assistance during the trial of the case were especially noteworthy.

We also wish to express our appreciation of the fine work performed by the office of R. N. Hosteny, Special Agent in Charge, Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Hosteny's agents investigated the matters in their area with exceptional thoroughness and their reports materially aided the trial and conduct of this case.

We further feel that W. G. Banister, Special Agent in Charge, Minneapolis, Minnesota, especially merits recognition. Mr. Banister's personal activities during the course of this

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and worked long and arduous hours during the investigation preceding the trial of this case and these same agents worked continuously from early in the morning until very late at night during the course of the trial to check on the myriad leads which were uncovered as the defense in this matter unfolded. Their diligent efforts, great personal interest, and unselfish labors contributed greatly to the successful prosecution.

It is the hope of myself and of Ronald E. Hachey and Richard W. Johnson, Assistant United States Attorneys who tried this matter, that our appreciation will be forwarded to these men and that they will receive official recognition for their performances.

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Very truly yours,

United States Attorney

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Ment was prepared by Court Reporter, St. Paul, Minnesota. A review of this transcription disclosed that in his statement at the proceedings, indicated an ancertainty in his mind about whether the alleged letter he received from HERMAN PASTER, and about which he testified at the trial, was received by him in 1950 or in 1951 indicated at the proceedings that he was not changing his testimony in any respect about whether he actually received a letter from HERMAN PASTER but wanted it understood he was not certain whether it was received by him in 1950 or 1951 expressed the opinion that if the letter was written in 1950 it would have been destroyed in a fire which occurred that year. In this connection he did not elaborate on what he meant by the fire. He further felt that if the alleged letter had been received by him in 1951 that it would have been found in view of the intensive search that had been conducted by him, and his wife to find it reiterated that the story he told on the witness stand at the trial concerning the contents of the letter was the same and the only thing that bothered him was whether he had received it in 1950 or 1951. RICHARD JOHNSON advised no action has been taken by the court in this proceeding and no motions have been made by the defense attorneys to the court.
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Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, made available a guest registration record which reflects that one, LeClaire, Iowa, registered at this hotel at 10:54 P.M., January 13, 1953, and cheded out of this hotel at 10:48 A.M. on January 14, 1953. There was no record of any telephone calls made by at the hotel occupied Room 207.
Clerk, United States District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that the records in his office reflect that the subjects in this case were sentenced by the Honorable DENNIS F. DONOVAN, Federal Judge, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 5, 193, as follows:
(1) HERMAN PASTER was sentenced to serve a term of one year and one day in the custody of the Attorney General on the second count of the indictment returned against him in this case.
(2) was sentenced to serve a term of one year and one day in the custody of the Attorney General on each of the two counts in the indictment returned against him, these sentences to be served concurrently.
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The Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was fined \$5,000 on the first count of the indictment.

Records in the office of the Clerk of United States District Court, St. Paul,
Minnesota, further reflect that on January 5, 1953, an order was filed setting
bail on appeal for the subjects at \$5,000 each for and PASTER and \$3,000
for GARDNER. On January 14, 1953, each of the defendants, including the May-
flower Distributing Company, through their attorneys, filed a notice of appeal
to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri. On
the same day appeal bonds for subjects PASTER, and GARDNER were filed.
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Parole reports and disposition sheets for subjects PASTER, and GARDNER are submitted herewith.

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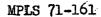
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There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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was made at the library of said newspaper and by means of examination of the official file copies of said newspaper maintained in its library.

As a result of such check, one pertinent advertisement was located, same having appeared in the "For Sale or Exchange" column of the classified ads on September 21,22, and 24, 1951.

In this connection it is noted that September 23, 1951, was a Sunday, and that the Davenport Daily Times is mot published on Sundays. It is further noted in this connection, that inquiry among the staff of the said newspaper has reflected that a special rate is made to patrons of the classified advertisement section of the paper for three-day publications of advertisements, and that the great bulk of such advertisements are run on a three-day basis as a result.

The above advertisement read as follows: "Large green steel foldaway typewriter desk, like new, \$100. Delux Thayer baby buggy with pad, \$25. Dial It is also to be noted in connection with this advertisement b6 b7C that when interviewed on January 23, 1953, Le Claire, Iowa, made reference to her recollections of having ___had maintained advertised an office type desk which in their residence, it having been discussed between them and a decision that the desk was superfluous was reached. They decided that they might as well dispose of same and obtain the cash for it. At that time, she stated that the occasion of this discussion was during a week-end when was at home between sales trips, and that as a result of the discussion, they reached a decision to advertise the desk in the classified section of the Daily Times, Davenport, Iowa. She further advised that she failed to advertise it the following week because had omitted leaving the key to the desk in her possession prior to his departure on another sales trip the first of the week following the discussion, it being her thought at the time that the prospective purchaser would want to inspect the interior of the same before buying. With further reference to the interview of January 23, 1953, stated that either the next week-end or the week-end

returned home and she reminded him that

he had forgotten to leave the key with her. He then turned the key over to her and within a short time thereafter, probably

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within a week or two, she caused a classified "For Sale" advertisement to be published in the Davenport Daily Times which failed, however, to achieve any results. She stated that she also believed that a short time later, within two or three weeks thereafter, she caused another classified ad to be run in the Davenport Daily Times but that this ad, too, was unproductive of results.

further advised that she was unable to give even an approximate idea of the date or dates on which she had placed the ads in the Daily Times, but that said ads would have appeared not to exceed a matter of a fewweeks at the outside subsequent to the time that her husband moved the contents of the desk and burned them.

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Also during the same interview, advised that there had been no fires at or in their residence since it was built in 1948, and she would certainly have known of any fire which might have taken place there. She went on to say that on the same week-end that she and originally discussed the sale of the desk, that said he was going to remove from the desk all of the sales records, sales literature, and other papers which were in the desk, in order that the desk might be in condition to exhibit to prospective purchasers developed by the classified ad which they expected to run, and that he also told her that he was going to sort them out and destroy any papers which did not appear to him to be of further value.

stated that she is quite sure that this discussion took place on a Friday as the process of removal and sorting of the papers had not yet commenced when she left for her regular Friday evening bowling. She stated that the same night, she returned from her bowling and, upon entering the residence, smelled and observed smoke in the living room. She immediately noticed that the front of the fireplace appeared to be somewhat discolored by the smoke, and knew that this discoloration had not been present there on any previous occasions. She said that she and had a conversation about this at the time and that he told her then that he had been going through the contents of the desk item by item and had finally decided "OH, to hell with it" and had thrown all the papers into the fireplace having apparently failed to properly adjust the draught to accommodate so hot a fire, or, having thrown too much paper in at one time with a result that some of the smoke had crept up on the outside of the fireplace leaving a slight smoke discoloration and, which same action had permitted smoke

OM 71-206 to escape from the fireplace proper into the room itself. On February 6, 1953, was advised that a detailed, item by item check of all classified ads appearing in the Davenport Daily Times during the year 1951 had been made. She was also advised that that check revealed the publication of the above quoted advertisement under the dates of September 21,22, and 24, 1951. She was further advised that no further advertisement for the desk had been located as a result of the check. then advised that in her opinion her recollection that she had inserted two advertisements within two or three weeks of each other had apparently been emoneous, and that the above quoted advertisement was probably the only advertisement that she had caused to be inserted. She further advised that now that her memory is refreshed by the information concerning the above advertisement, that she would state that it was probably about two weeks and certainly not more that a month prior to the publication of that advertisement that had cleaned out the desk and destroyed its contents by burning as previously described by her on the interview of January 23, 1953. On February 6, 1952, LeClaire, Iowa, was interviewed and furnished the following information: He stated that "the fire" to which he had reference in making a statement to Honorable DENNIS F. DONOVAN, Federal Judge at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 14, 1953, was the occasion upon which he had removed an accumulation of papers and documents from an office desk maintained at his residence prior to advertising same for sale. went on to state that he could not recall even the approximate date upon which this had transpired, and was unable, after attempting to connect this incident with other items which he could place chronologically, to fix even an approximate date of the incident. added that the desk in question was a green, steel desk of the type usually referred to as a secretary's desk. At the time in question, he had not been using for some little time and had put it in the garage in the rear of his residence. The desk contained a considerable quantity of miscellaneous records, receipts, sales literature, and even some old records which were several years old at the time and which related to the flying school which he formerly operated in Davenport.

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OM 71-206 said that he realized that the desk probably had a value of about \$100, and as he was no longer using it, and for the further reason that it was only in his way, he decided to attempt to sell the desk. He recalled that on one week-end between sales trips he had a conversation with about selling the desk. He instructed her to run a classified "For Sale" advertisement in the Davenport Daily Times as a result of this discussion. He believes that it was the same evening upon which they had this discussion that went bowling, and as her team bowls on Friday nights, he would therefore assume that it was on a Friday night. b6 b7C While she was absent, bowling, he removed all of the papers in the desk originally intending to go through the papers item by item in order to save any of those which might appear to have any continued value. He said, however, that after beginning to make this type of examination of the contents of the desk, he observed that most of the contents were so old and obsolete that the papers appeared to have no further value, and for this reason he cleaned out the entire contents of the desk and threw them in the fireplace in his living room where he burned them. He further stated that he does not recall having saved any of the documents or papers which had previously been contained in the desk and is reasonably sure that he destroyed all of them by burning at that time. said that he failed to adjust the draught in the fireplace to accommodate a fire of the size which resulted in the burning of the paper, and as a result of this failure, flames of the fire liked the outer upper edge of the fireplace causing smoke discoloration on the imitation stone finishing of the fireplace. Also, as a result of this burning, a considerable quantity of smoke escaped into the room. He recalled that the incident was the subject of immediate discussion between him and _____ when she returned home from bowling that evening, she having observed the discoloration on the fireplace and having smelled some of the remaining smoke. was then advised of the results of the above mentioned check of the classified ads appearing in the Davenport Daily Times for the entire year 1951, particularly the dates of the advertisement. Upon receiving this information, _____ stated that, alhough he is still unable to fix the precise date upon which he

removed the papers from the desk as above mentioned and destroyed same by burning, he is now certain that said burning would have transpired probably around two weeks before the dates of the advertisement and not more that a month previous thereto. states that, although he does not recall having seen the letter from HERMAN PASTER in question, that during the time of the removal of the above papers from the desk, or their subsequent burning, and is quite certain that he would not have destroyed the letter had he noticed it at the time, that it is entirely possible that the letter might have been destroyed in that manner and at that time, and that if it was contained in the desk at that time, it would almost certainly have been destroyed. b6 b70
further stated that he has had no contact whatsoever with any of the defendants in this case or anyone purporting to represent them since January 14, 1953, and he assured the reporting agent that should any such persons attempt to contact him in the future, that he would immediately notify the reporting agent or some other authorized representative of the Bureau.
At the conclusion of the interview again stated that the incident upon which he burned the papers which had previously been contained in the desk as above mentioned constituted the "fire" referred to by him at the time he made his statement to Judge DONOVAN at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 14, 1953.
On February 5, 1953,
He advised that he has known socially and has also acted as his attorney for a number of years. said that he understood that had attempted to contact him telephonically on the morning of January 10, 1953, at a time when he was busily engaged in a conference, and, accordingly, returned the call late that afternoon by calling at his residence phone. stated that proceeded to advise him that HERMAN PASTER and an attorney from St. Paul, Minnesota, who presumedly represented PASTER, had flown to Moline, Illinois earlier the same day and had had a conference with at the Moline

airport. went on to advise that since PASTER and the other defendants in this case had been convicted, he, had been afraid that either the defendants or someone acting for them might attempt to retaliate against or members of his family because of having furnished testimony against them during the trial.
said that he could not recall the exact words that used in this connection and that he did not recall that had stated that either the defendants or anyone acting for them had made any threats of physical violence or any other type of retaliation, that had apparently got this notion by construction placed upon inferential statements made to him before the trial by of Rock Island, Illinois (whose contacts with have been previously reported), and by the generally foreboding and somewhat menacing attitude displayed toward by some of the defendants at the time of trial said that during the conversation he became pretty well convinced that actually was afraid of meeting with harm for the above reasons and that confided to him that because of this fear, he had, a few days prior to their conversation, telephonically contacted PASTER by long distance in order to assure PASTER that he, had not testified against the defendants out of malice but only because it was his duty to do so.
said that during his telephone conversation with on January 10, 1953, as mentioned, that that PASTER and perhaps PASTER's attorney who accompanied him, although could not be certain of this, had stated or strongly intimated to that it was felt that could probably do a lot to relieve the conditions of the sentence pronounced upon PASTER if there were any portions of testimony about which had any doubt and if would make these doubts known to the court. said that from what told him on that occasion, it was rather obvious that PASTER had been pressuring to make a trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of discussing the testimony which had given at the time of trial, particularly with relation to the letter which testified he had received from PASTER during February of 1951 in which letter PASTER had instructed to give top priority to lining up slot machines in the Quad-City area for purchase by PASTER's interests.

said that as a result of the conversation he had with on January 10, 1953, it appeared rather obvious to him that would have no objection to making the trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, as suggested by PASTER because apparently felt that PASTER would consider his so doing an evidence of good faith and an indication that had testified at the time of trial without malice to PASTER and the other defendants.
said that when this became obvious to him he questioned as to whether or not had any misgivings about any of the testimony which he had given during the trial, and that told him that he had testified to the truth during the trial and would not be willing to change his testimony in any respect except that it was bothering him a little because of his recollection that he had testified more or less specifically to having received the above letter during the last few days of February, 1951, and that upon further reflection, he was not so sure as to the exact date or time upon which he had received the letter.
said that it also appeared that had been doing some thinking subsequent to the time of trial concerning the reasons for his inability to find that letter, particularly because he had apparently intended to save it and because he has been unable to locate it after making a determined effort to do so.
said that he proceeded to question whether or not had recalled anything specific which would alter his testimony at the time of trial and said that his testimony was true as furnished at that time, and that would not care to alter his testimony.
Because appeared to be receptive to PASTER's suggestion that go to St. Paul, Minnesota for a conference with PASTER's attorneys, told that if he had testified truthfully during the trial as he states he did, and which has no reason to doubt, that he felt that any call which might make at St. Paul, and, in fact, any further contact with the defendants or anyone representing them, should be preceded by PASTER or his attorneys' making available to for inspection a complete transcript of all testimony at the time of trial in order that might review it and give appropriate advice.
said that he also admonished not to go to St.

Paul or make any statements or commitments which might appear to alter his testimony as furnished at the trial, and that he further pointed out that should make no statement to anyone which could be taken as contradictory to any of his testimony. He stated that he also pointed out that it was obvious to him that PASTER was apparently bringing influence to bear upon in an effort to mitigate the sentence which he, PASTER, had received, and that had agreed that he recognized that this was probably the case.	
stated that the telephone conversation on January 10, 1953, finally wound up by his more or less specifically advising not to go to St. Paul or have any further contact with the defendants or their attorneys without his, knowledge, and at the conclusion of the conversation he felt that was fully convinced that he should not make the trip to St. Paul, and would not do so without further reference to	6 7C
With reference to any possible knowledge of threats or other efforts to intimidate on the part of the defendants or anyone purporting to represent them, stated that he had no knowledge of any such matters but that it clearly appeared to him during the telephone conversation on January 10, 1953, and in conversations with previously about the matter that appeared to be genuinely concerned about his possibly having incurred the ill will of PASTER and the other defendants, and about the possibility of their retaliating against him in some way as a result stated that he does not recall that any mention whatsoever was made of alleged claim for commissions against the PASTER interests on January 10, 1953, and that he has no reason to believe that proposed trip to St. Paul, above mentioned, was contemplated by in the expectation of receiving anything of value from PASTER or the other defendants, but solely for the purpose of attempting to convince them that he had not acted maliciously by appearing and testifying as a Government witness.	
The following investigation was conducted at Decorah, Iowa, by Special Agent:	l- 0
Confidential Informant , of known reliability, advised that Le Claire, Iowa, registered at the Winnesheik Hotel at 5:40 p.m. on January 14, 1953, and	b2 b7I b6 b7(

room #207 and his bill was for \$5.59 which included a charge of \$3.25 per room, and \$2.30 for a long distance telephone call to Davenport, Iowa.

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The following investigation was conducted at Des Moines, Iowa, by Special Agent :	
Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that the call made by on January 14, 1953, from the Winnesheik Hotel, Decorah, Iowa, was to telephone number Le Claire, Iowa, a suburb of Davenport, Iowa, which is covered by the Davenport Telephone Exchange. further advised that that number is listed to The following investigation was conducted at New Hampton, Iowa, by Special Agent:	b2 b7D
the Recker Motel, advised that their registration records do not indicate that stayed at that motel at any time subsequent to January 1, 1953. Ifurther advised that she is not acquainted with that the motel was built approximately one year ago, is the newest in the area, and that there is only one other motel in the immediate vicinity.	b6 b7С
of Sunnyside Cabins, advised that she was unable to locate any registration for in the files of her office.	
of known reliability, advised that one was a guest at the Anthes Hotel, Fort Madison, Iowa, on January 8, 1953, having been a guest in room #105 on that occasion. This informant further advised that he placed two telephone calls to Minneapolis, Minnesota which were prepaid calls one in the amount of \$2.45 plus tax, and the other for \$0.95 plus tax.	

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MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE:	
St. Paul, Minnesota:	
Will follow and report any further activity in connection with this case.	
OMAHA OFFICE:	
Des Moines, Iowa:	
Will, at District Office of Northwestern Bell Telephone Con ascertain the record of long distance telephone calls charge to Davenport telephone the subscriber to which is period 12/1/52 to and including 2/1/53. In covering this lead it is requested that the identity of the person to who each call was placed be ascertained as well as the number of the phone at which the call was completed.	ged s ne om
Will, at the Hotel Randolph, report the data reflected by the registration card of as at the Anthes Hotel, Fort Madison, Iowa, on 1/8/53, and from the hotel toll telephone ticket ascertain information as to the numbers to which the calls to Minneapolis and paid for by were placed, together with the name of any individual who might have been called on a person to person basis.	
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"and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I was one of the witnesses for the government in a case in which the United States was Plaintiff and Albert Gardner, and Herman Paster were Defendants. This case was tried in the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, during November, 1952.

"During that trial I testified to the receipt of a certain letter from Herman Paster in which he instructed me to give top priority to lining up slots machines which might be purchased in my territory. I also testified at the time of the trial that I had been uamble to find this letter.

"On January 14, 1953, I was in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the request of Herman Paster, and on that day called at the chambers of Honorable Dennis F. Donovan, the judge of the above court before whom the above case was tried.

"On that occasion I made a statement to Judge Donovan concerning the above letter. As I recall, I made some reference to the possible destruction of that letter by fire and indicated that if I had received same during 1950 that it would have been destroyed by fire which occurred that year. I also made some statement to the general effect that if I had received that letter during 1951, that I should have been able to locate it in view of the intensive search which both my wife and myself made for it.

"I now desire to make the following additional remarks in further explanation of the matter of the possible destruction of said letter by fire, and my inability to locate same.

"Since making the statement to Judge Donovan on January 14, 1953, as above mentioned, my recollection has been further refreshed by receipt of information concerning the disposition of a desk in which I at one time kept papers of various kinds which were pertinent to my business and personal affairs.

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"At the time I made the above mentioned statement to Judge Donovan on January 14, 1953, I had not, as yet, received this additional information which I referred to in the last preceding paragraph, the same having come to my attention only recently.

"I recall that at one time I owned a steel secretary type office ddsk, which was of a light green color such as is usually associated with office furniture. At one time I placed papers in this desk from time to time, which papers related to various of my personal and business affairs. Because of this practice on my part, a large quantity of papers of various types and concerning various subjects finally accumulated in this desk.

"Finally, I discontinued to use this desk actively, with the result that I finally placed it in the garage of my residence which is located at the rear of my house. The desk remained there, unused, except as a repository for the papers which it contained, for several months. I did not have occasion to refer to any of the papers which it contained and abandoned it so far as active use of it was concerned.

"I recall that I finally decided that the desk was more or less in the way; that most of the papers which it contained were so old that they would no longer have any value for any reason; that the desk itself represented cash re-sale value of around \$100.00; and that I finally decided to dispose of it.

"I also recall that one week-end I was at my home having come home from a sales trip. I thought of the desk and had a discussion with ______ about disposing of it. I also recall that she agreed to run a classified advertisement in the "For SAle" section of the Davenport Daily Times in hope that we would thus be able to attract a buyer for it and thus be able to sell it.

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"I also recall that I told ______ that I would go through the contents of the desk and eliminate any papers which I no longer wanted. I further recall that _____ went out that evening, or during the late afternoon, and did not return home until later in the evening. I believe that I correctly recall that she went bowling, in which event, this would have been a Friday night as that is and for some time has been, her bowling night.

"While she was absent, I removed the contents of the desk, including all of the papers which it contained, and started to go through these papers with a view to burning such of the papers as appeared to no longer have any use or value. I recall that I was somewhat surprised to see that most of the papers were several years old, even dating back to the time that I operated a flying school and service at Davenport, Iowa, during and just after World War II. The papers which I examined in detail appeared to have no value, and finally I decided to destroy all of the contents of the desk.

"Accordingly, I took the papers which had been in the desk into the living room of my home, started a fire in the fire-place, and threw the papers which had been contained in the desk into the fire.

"I also clearly recall that I had failed to properly regulate the draft in the fire-place to accommodate such a large fire as resulted from the burning of these papers. Because of this, flames licked up over the edge of the fire-place and somewhat discolored the fireplace which is made of a light colored cement made to resemble stones. I also recall that for the same reason, a considerable quantity of smoke escaped from the fireplace into the living room, some of which continued to linger in the room until returned from bowling the same evening.

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versation	about	the	incident	when	she	returne	∍d.	•

"It was the burning of the above mentioned papers in the manner above referred to to which I referred as a "fire" in making my statement to Judge Donovan on January 14, 1953, above mentioned.

"At this time I desire to state that other than this occurrence, we have had nothing which could be referred to as a fire at my home since my present home was built.

"It is my further recollection that was to have the above advertisement printed in the paper the week following this incident, at which time I would be out of town on business. I further recall that I apparently overlooked leaving the key or keys

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"to the desk with her when departing on my sales trip
the beginning of that week, leaving the desk in a
locked condition. I further recall that
discovered this before placing the advertisement,
and refrained from having it run in the paper, feeling, as she told me, that it would have been useless
to do so because any prospective buyer would want
not only to see the interior of the desk before buying same, but also because such buyer would also probably want to consumate the purchase on the spot and
would want the keys turned over at the time.

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"I also recall that when I returned home from my sales trip, either the next weekend, or perhaps the second week-end thereafter, that I delivered the keys to and that very shortly thereafter, not to exceed a week or so, that she caused the classified advertisement for the sale of the desk to be printed in the Davenport Daily Times, but was unable to sell it as a result.

"At this time I owed an obligation to the Tri-City Equipment Company of Davenport, Iowa. I further remember that not very long after we had tried to sell the desk as above mentioned, that I arranged with the management of that company to pick up the desk at my home and credit me on my account with its agreed value. I would say that at the outside, it was not more than three months after we ran the advertisement that I disposed of the desk in this manner.

"At the time I made the above referred to statement to Judge Donovan at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 14, 1953, I was unable to recall even approximately when any of the events mentioned on this and the last preceding page transpired.

"Since then, however, I have made inquiry and have learned to my satisfaction that the desk was picked up by Tri-City Equipment Company during the early part of November, 1951. This being the case, and my recollection being thus refreshed, I can now state that I cleaned out the desk and burned the papers which it contained not to exceed three months previous, and in no event could this have occurred prior to late summer of 1951.

"I also wish to state that since making my above mentioned statement to Judge Donovan that I have conversed about this matter with

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"On February 6, 1953, advised me that that day he and another Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had made a detailed item by item examination of all classified advertisements appearing in the Davenport Daily Times for the year 1951, and that the only advertisement found as a result of such examination and which in any way would appear to be connected with me was one which appeared in that paper on Friday, September 21, 1951, and successively on Saturday, September 22, 1951, and Monday, September 24, 1951, This advertisement, according advertised for sale one large green foldaway typewriter desk, which is identical to the type of desk mentioned throughout this statement above, and he also stated that the advertisement in part read 'Dial _____, which is, and was then, my home telephone number.

"This information has further refreshed my recollection to the point that I can now state with certainty that I destroyed the papers previously kept in the above desk within two or three weeks previous to the dates of the above advertisement, which, assuming those dates to be correct, would place the destruction of the papers by fire as above mentioned, around September 1, 1951, and under no circumstances earlier than during August, 1951. In other words, the 'fire' which I mentioned in my statement to Judge Donovan, and which actually consisted of the destruction of the above papers as mentioned in the next to the last paragraph on Page Two of this statement, could not possibly have occurred as early as during 1950, as I may have indicated at that time.

"With reference to the specific letter mentioned on Page One of this statement, I desire to mention the following.

"I do not have any recollection of ever having placed that letter in the above mentioned desk, nor do I have any recollection that I saw it among the contents of the desk at any time, including the occasion upon which I destroyed the contents of the desk as mentioned herein. I will state, however, that if the letter had been included in the contents of the desk at the

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"time that I destroyed those papers, as it may have been without my present knowledge or recollection, that it would have been destroyed by fire together with the other papers which I destroyed.

"I do not desire that anything in this statement be regarded as in any way altering my testimony previously given with regard to this letter at the time of trial, and am supplying this information only in explanation of the information which I supplied to Judge Donovan at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 14, 1953."

/s/
"IN THE PRESENCE OF: Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Le Claire, Iowa, 2/21/53 Special Agent, F.B.I. LeClaire, Iowa,
2/21/53"
stated that he felt that the information therein contained should straighten out any questions of doubt which might have arisen concerning the "fire" to buy him in making his statement to Judge DONOVAN on January 14, 1953, at St. Paul, Minnesota
Following the execution of the above signed statement, stated that he is very much disappointed that he is going to be called to testify as a witness in the case against HERMAN PASTER, ALLEN I NILVA, and others, to be held in the United States District Court in North Dakota, presumably during March, 1953. says that he knows nothing about that case and
does not see where his relationship with the two above Defendants would place him in position to first furnish any pertinent testimony in that matter. He further stated that his legitimate earnings now are averaging considerably in excess of \$300.00 per week and that he feels that he is being imposed

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upon by being subpoened as a witness in the latter case because of the loss of earnings which he will be compelled to sustain.

in that matter only because he is compelled to do so under subpoena and, by inferrence indicated that he will do so un-

indicated that he expects to be a government witness

At the conclusion of the interview, advised that he has had no contact with HERMAN PASTER or any of the other Defendants of this case, or anyone he had reason to believe represented them in any connection, since January 14, 1953.	
On February 5, 1953, Confidential Informant Omaha who has heretofore furnished both reliable and unreliable information, advised of having overheard a recent conversation to which HERMAN PASTER was a party. PASTER appeared to be in good	b2 b7I
spirits and indicated that had committed perjury	b6 b7(
went on to advise that he has no information concerning any contacts which PASTER may have had with but with stated that their relationship is so close that it is doubted that any fix that PASTER might have made with would be known to the FBI.	or.
also advised that it is the belief of the informant that the agency for A. M. I. a music machine, has been taken away from PASTER and given to another individual in the Minneapolis area.	

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At St. Paul, Minnesota:

Will follow and report any further proceedings in connection with the prosecution of instant case and will request any further investigation indicated as desirable by the Office of the United States Attorney.

REFERENCES:	Report of SA Minnesota	dated 2/5/53, at
	Report of SA at Omaha, Nebraska.	

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At St. Paul, Minnesota

Report the results of the hearing on the motion pending in this case at United States District Court, St. Paul, on March 23, 1953.

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Report of SA 3/4/53, at Omaha. b6 b7c

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At St. Paul, Minnesota

Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney's Office for the outcome of the appeal in this case before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

REFERENCE

Report of SA at Minneapolis dated 3/31/53. Omaha letter to Minneapolis dated 6/15/53.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1953

DEPARIMENT OF JUSTICE

The Board of Immigration Appeals today dismissed an appeal by

Samuel Taran of Miami Beach, Florida, from an order for his deportation.

Taran, who has an arrest record dating back to August 7, 1921, including convictions for grand larceny, violation of the Internal Revenue Liquor laws, and of the Office of Price Administration regulations, was born June 15, 1898, at Invica, Russia. He entered this country June 12, 1912, and thereafter resided in St. Paul, Minnesota until 1945, when he moved to Miami. He applied for citizenship, but his petition was denied August 8, 1922, in the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota.

His deportation was ordered March 10, 1952, on grounds of false and misleading statements made to an Immigration Inspector on the occasion of his last re-entry to the United States. The re-entry was made March 29, 1951, at Miami.

At that time, it was found, he represented himself as having been born in the United States. Taran contended that he was not asked where he was born, but the Board found a predisposition on his part to claim falsely citizenship in the United States. The record shows that he previously has executed forms stating that he was a citizen, including an affidavit in 1947 in connection with his registration as a voter.

The Board also rejected Taran's request for discretionary relief from deportation. His request was based on his marriage to a United States citizen, and the fact that he has three children born in this country. The Board ruled that he was not entitled to discretionary relief.

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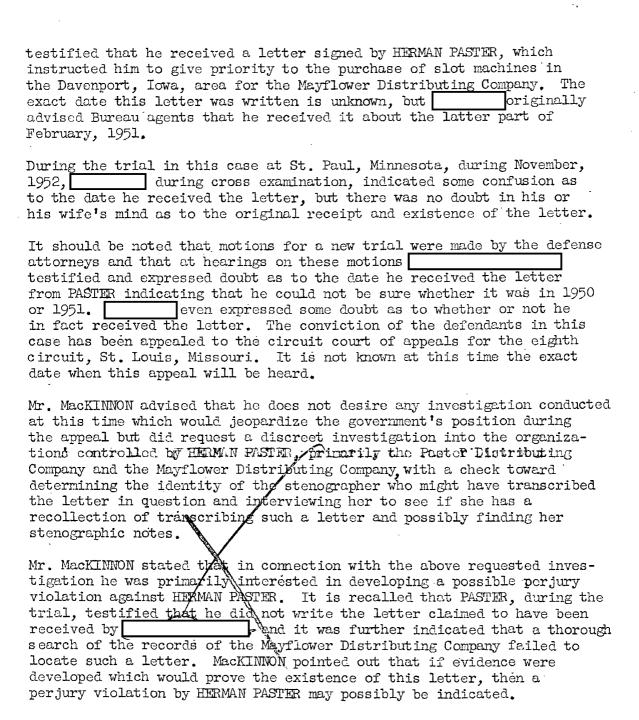
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In an effort to obtain leads to the identity of the stenographers employed by the PASTER organization who might have transcribed the

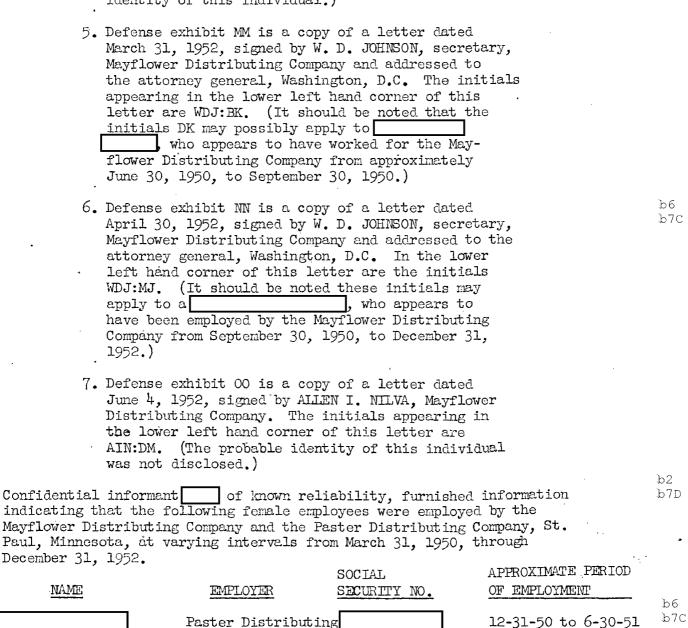
letter in question, a review of the exhibits introduced during the trial in this case was made. It was recalled that during the trial several letters written by PASTER and his subordinates were introduced by the defendants. An examination of these letters disclosed they were written by HERMAN PASTER, ALLEN MILVA, and W. D. JOHNSON in behalf of the Mayflower Distributing Company. The usual initials of the stenographers who transcribed the letters appeared in the lower left hand corner of the letter.

The following is a list of the exhibits introduced by the defendants during the trial on which the initials of stenographers appeared:

l.	Defense exhibit A was a copy of a letter dated
	May 19, 1951, signed by HERMAN NILVA., Mayflower
	Distributing Company, addressed to
	Le Claire, Iowa. In the lower left
	hand corner of this letter appeared the initials
	AIN:GC.(As will be noted hereinafter, one
	was a former employee of the Paster
	Distributing Company during the approximate
	period from December 31, 1950, to June 30, 1951,
	and the initials GC may apply to this individual.

- 2. Defense exhibit E was a copy of a letter dated May 16, 1950, signed by HERMAN PASTER and addressed to ______ Le Claire, Iowa. In the lower left hand corner of this letter appeared the initials HP/AC. (As will be noted hereinafter, one ______ was employed by the Paster Distributing Company from approximately March 31, 1950, to September 30, 1950. The stenographer who transcribed this letter may be identical with ______.)
- 3. Defense exhibit II is a copy of a letter dated June 30, 1951, signed by W. D. JOHNSON, Mayflower Distributing Company, which was addressed to the attorney general, Washington, D.C. In the lower left hand corner of this letter appeared the initials WDJ:GB. (It should be noted that investigation has failed to disclose the probable identity of this individual.)
- 4. Defense exhibit LL is a copy of a letter dated November 30, 1951, from W. D. JOHNSON, secretary,

b6 b7C Mayflower Distributing Company, to the attorney general, Washington, D.C. In the lower left hand corner of this letter are the initials WDJ:PS. (Investigation has failed to disclose the probable identity of this individual.)



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From a review of the above information, it would appear that the only female employees listed above who may have worked as stenographers during the period the letter in question was written, assuming the letter was written either during the latter part of 1950 or the first part of 1951, are the following:

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further advised that there was no indication from available information that any of the previously mentioned female employees are presently employed by either the Paster Distributing Company or the Mayflower Distributing Company.	
The records of the Minneapolis Retail Credit Bureau reflect a resided at Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as of January 13, 1953. No other information was available concerning this individual.	
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The 1950-1951 city directory for St. Paul includes the name as a clerk, Paster Distributing Company, who resided at St. Paul, Minnesota.	
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who is employed as a clerk at the First National Bank in St. Paul. Her

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The Retail Credit Bureau of St. Paul has disclosed that as of October 2, 1952, a resided at St. Paul, Minnesota. The records also disclosed that this individual previously worked as a bookkeeper for the Silent Sales Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.	
The records of the Retail Credit Bureau of St. Paul reflect the following information concerning individuals who may be identical with the other female employees who were shown as being employed by the Paster Distributing Company and the Mayflower Distributing Company as previously furnished by	b2 b7D
As of November 7, 1950, was shown as being married to St. Paul, Minnesota. was shown as employed with the Commodity Credit Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota.	
Until January 12, 1952, a , the wife of , St. Paul, Minnesota, was employed by the Gould Battery Company, St. Paul, Minnesota. Prior employment by the Armour Company was shown. No current employer was indicated. was shown as employed by the Moga Tool Company, 1419 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.	.b6
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One was indicated as being the wife of Was shown as a for the Mayflower Distributing Company as of December, 1946. 1946 address was shown as , St. Paul, Minnesota.	,
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As of 1950 a was listed as married to a who was employed by the Mayflower Distributing Company.
The current city directory for St. Paul shows a residing at St. Paul, Minnesota. is employed at the Department of Sanitation, City of St. Paul.
As of May 5, 1953, one with husband resided at St. Paul, Minnesota. As of December, 1952, was employed at the Peters Machine Company and was employed at the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant. Her maiden name was
The current St. Paul city directory lists a as employed by the State Highway Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, as a
One was divorced from a in May, 1950. Her home address is listed as St. Paul, Minnesota. The last report for her was dated April 13, 1951. At that time she was employed by a manufacturer's agent,
As of March 30, 1953, one resided at , St. Paul, Minnesota. She then worked for the Rayette, Inc., and previously was employed at the Raymond Laboratories, St. Paul, Minnesota.
No information was available concerning at the Retail Credit Bureau of St. Paul, Minnesota.
The 1952 Minneapolis city directory lists a who resides at Minneapolis, Minnesota. This individual is shown to be an employee with the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. It is not known if the in Minneapolis is identical with the who was employed by the Mayflower Distributing Company.
The city directories and credit bureaus in Minneapolis and St. Paul contained no information concerning
The information contained above was generally discussed with GEORGE MacKINNON, who advised he did not desire any additional investigation be conducted by the reporting agent at this time pending the outcome of the appeal in this case before the circuit court of appeals, eighth circuit, St. Louis, Missouri, sometime this fall.

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Pending a request from Mr. MacKINNON for further investigation, additional investigation along the lines previously requested will be held in abeyance. Confidential informant of unknown reliability, advised he understands that one for the Paster Distributing Company, is presently employed by the Lieberman Music Company, 255 North Plymouth, Minneapolis, Minnesota. stated recently furnished him with information to the effect that shortly after the passage of the Johnson Act HERMAN PASTER negotiated a deal with one (phonetic) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who may be the owner of some general novelty or vending machine company. He stated that this deal involved \$60,000 or \$70,000 worth of slot machines, which had been shipped from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The above was alleged to be a cash deal, of Brooklyn, New York, and an individual by the name of helped dispose of the machines. further advised that he believed was in possession of information relative to the truck driver or trucking company who hauled the slot machines from St. Paul to Philadelphia, as well as other pertinent information. residence , St. Paul, Minnesota, advised he had been employed as a telephone Mayflower Distributing Company for the past fifteen years and recently left the employ of this company to work for the Lieberman Music Company, 257 North Plymouth, Minneapolis, Minnesota. was questioned as to whether or not at any time he had been in a position to observe whether or not HERMAN PASTER or anyone else had shipped any slot machines or any other gambling devices in interstate commerce subsequent to the passage of the Johnson Act on January 3, stated that he had never observed any violation of the Johnson Act on the part of HERMAN PASTER or any other employee of PASTER during the period that he, worked for the Mayflower Distributing Company.

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of the Lieberman Music Company, 257 North Plymouth, Minneapolis, Minnesota, residence Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who has been designated as in instant report, telephonically advised the Minneapolis office that he desired to see an agent on a confidential matter.
and at which time advised that in December, 1952, he made an oral agreement with HERMAN PASTER to purchase his music box machines and other amusement devices, and the deal was consummated about January 10, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that PASTER allegedly was going out of that business in St. Paul, and was to take over the lines mentioned.
He stated that PASTER introduced him to the manufacturers of the various lines he was to take over, and was of the opinion that everything was above board. Since the oral agreement he had with PASTER, is of the opinion that PASTER has spent time apparently undermining with certain manufacturers, and it was because of this fact that gave information relative to the transaction on the slot machines between PASTER and as set forth in the body of this report.
requested that if were interviewed that an appointment be made with him to see him at some place other than the Lieberman Music Company.
further stated that he was giving the information on a confidential basis and requested that his name not be used in any manner.
LEADS

THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will report the results of the appeal in this case before the circuit court of appeals, eighth circuit, St. Louis, Missouri. It is believed the appeal will be held sometime late this fall.

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At St. Paul, Minnesota

Will discuss with the United States attorney any additional investigation he may desire in this case pending the outcome of the appeal.

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Will in February, 1954 report results of the appeal in this case before the Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri.

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United States Attorney GEORGE E. MAC KINNON advised that while he did not know positively, it was his opinion that the defendants in instant case will now carry the matter to the United States Supreme Court for review as to the constitutionality of the Johnson Act.

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Report of SA _____, Minneapolis, dated 11/24/53.

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RE: Rep SA (A), Minneapolis, 4/28/54.

Rerep reflects that U.S.Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the sentences administered upon the subjects in trial court, but indicates the possibility that the matter may be further appealed to the U.S.Supreme Court.

A review of this file reflects that no further investigation remains to be conducted, and the Omaha Office is therefore closing its file. It is requested, however, that the Minneapolis Office make such arrangements as may be necessary with the U.S.Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, to be promptly notified in the event that an appeal is taken to the U.S.Supreme Court.

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The criminal docket in the office of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, reflects that on June 18, 1954, the subject's attorney filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States. The docket fails to reflect any further action since that time.

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